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### **Legend:**

X =

Date =

State =

Dear :

This letter responds to the letter dated April 28, 2008, and subsequent correspondence, submitted by X, requesting a ruling under § 1362(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### **Facts**

X was incorporated under the laws of State. X's shareholders represent that they intended for X to be an S corporation effective Date. However, Form 2553, Election by a Small Business Corporation, was not timely filed.

X represents that both X and its shareholders have reported their income consistent with X's intended status as an S corporation. X requests a ruling that it will be recognized as an S corporation effective Date.

### **Law and Analysis**

Section 1362(a)(1) provides that except as provided in § 1362(g), a small business corporation may elect, in accordance with the provisions of § 1362, to be an S corporation.

Section 1362(b)(1) provides that an election under § 1362(a) may be made by a small business corporation for any taxable year (A) at any time during the preceding taxable year, or (B) at any time during the taxable year and on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the third month of the taxable year.

Section 1362(b)(3) provides that if (A) a small business corporation makes an election under § 1362(a) for any taxable year, and (B) such election is made after the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the third month of the taxable year and on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the third month of the following taxable year, then such election shall be treated as made for the following taxable year.

Section 1362(b)(5) provides that if (A) an election under § 1362(a) is made for any taxable year (determined without regard to § 1362(b)(3)), after the date prescribed by § 1362(b) for making the election for the taxable year or no § 1362(a) election is made for any taxable year, and (B) the Secretary determines that there was reasonable cause for the failure to timely make the election, then the Secretary may treat the election as timely made for the taxable year (and § 1362(b)(3) shall not apply.)

### **Conclusion**

Based solely on the facts submitted and representations made, we conclude that X has established reasonable cause for failing to make a timely S corporation election. Thus, we conclude that X is eligible for relief under § 1362(b)(5). Accordingly, if X makes an election to be an S corporation by filing with the appropriate service center a completed Form 2553 effective Date, within 60 days following the date of this letter, we rule that the election shall be treated as timely made. A copy of this letter should be attached to the Form 2553.

Except for the specific ruling above, no opinion is expressed or implied concerning the federal tax consequences of the facts of this case under any other provision of the Code. Specifically, no opinion is expressed or implied regarding as to whether X otherwise qualifies as a subchapter S corporation under § 1361.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer requesting it. Section 6110(k)(3) provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent.

The ruling contained in this letter is based upon information and representations submitted by the taxpayer and accompanied by a penalty of perjury statement executed by an appropriate party. While this office has not verified any of the material submitted in support of the ruling request, it is subject to verification on examination.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Office of the Associate Chief Counsel  
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Enclosures (2)

A copy of this letter  
A copy for § 6110 purposes

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